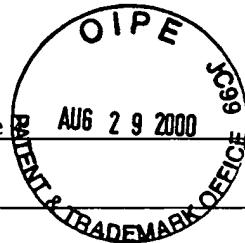


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Date: 2/6/2000

Signature: 

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